

# The President's Letter

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Among the spiritual peaks during the fall quarter at the Seminary may be mentioned the twenty-four hour vigil of prayer at the opening of the quarter, the annual revival of Asbury College in which the Seminary participates, and the annual Holiness Emphasis Week, observed under the auspices of the student body of Asbury Theological Seminary.

All classes were dismissed for the twenty-four hour vigil of prayer. It was a time of spiritual inventory and undergirding for the tasks of another school year. Dr. O. H. Callis, an approved evangelist of the Methodist Church was the preacher for the College Revival. The students of the Seminary kept an unbroken vigil of prayer daily, from midnight until 6 a.m., during the special series in the College. The revival was a time of great spiritual quickening in salvation, sanctifications, reclamations, and epochal decisions for several hundred young people.

The speaker for the Holiness Emphasis Week was Dr. Ralph Earle, head of the department of Biblical Literature in the Nazarene Theological Seminary at Kansas City. The spiritual tides of the week reached a crest on Friday at the ten o'clock chapel hour. The challenge of the hour was that of Kadesh-Barnea. The service extended well past the noon hour as young men and women preparing for the ministry, tarried to pray for the nails to be driven. The radiant faces of a goodly number bore witness to the fact that they had not turned back, but had entered the Canaan rest of a life crucified with Christ.

The enrollment for the quarter totalled 296. While the number of students was 22 less than in the same quarter of the previous year, there were eight more students enrolled for the B.D. degree than last fall quarter.

The next building project is that of the Chapel. Something like half the amount of the cost of the proposed building has been secured in cash and pledges.

Dr. J. Harold Greenlee, professor of New Testament Greek, received a Fulbright Grant and is on a nine-month leave of absence for study at Oxford University and the University of London. Jack Howard Goodwin, Head Cataloger in the Seminary Library, has been granted a year's leave of absence for study in Scotland, at the University of Edinburg. Dr. Earl E. Barrett is the new professor of Doctrine. Dr. Robert P. Shuler, Jr., professor of Old Testament was released at the close of the fall quarter to accept the position as associate pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Los Angeles.

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The annual Minister's Conference will be held February 6-8. Dr. Harold Paul Sloan of Philadelphia and Dr. Ira Mason Hargett of Louisville will deliver the Lizzie H. Glide Lectures at the conference. Homer Rodeheaver will lead the congregational singing at the evening meetings. Bob Pierce, having returned from Korea and Formosa after January 1, will be the missionary speaker. Those who desire reservations and further details of the programme should write to Dean W. D. Turkington, Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.

The Seminarian, following the present number, will be issued as an annual, rather than as a quarterly. This change is in keeping with the plan followed by other well known institutions in their publications. The annual number will be enlarged, and, so far as possible, expressive of the entire faculty in its articles. It is anticipated that many of our subscribers will prefer the new plan.